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SUBJ: CIEC: VENEZUELA'S VIEW OF PROGRESS IN PARIS

REF: OECD PARIS 12063

1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 27 WITH DR. OSCAR DE ROJAS, EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR REVIEWED PROGRESS AT CIEC. ECON COUNSELOR MENTIONED RECENT COMMENT BY DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO IN PARIS (REPORTED REFTEL) THAT THERE WAS GROWING DISENCHANTMENT WITH CIEC AMONG-19. ECON COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT ON APRIL 7 AND APRIL 8, WHEN THE AMBASSADOR AND HE HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH DR. PEREZ GUERRERO ON VARIOUS MATTERS, P-G HAD NOT GIVEN AN IMPRESSION OF DISENCHANTMENT WITH CIEC PROGRESS. SINCE DR. PEREZ GUERRERO WAS ALWAYS FRANK IN PRESENTING HIS VIEWS ON IMPORTANT MATTERS AND HAD NEVER HESITATED TO DO SO WHEN AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE, ECON COUNSELOR WONDERED HOW DE ROJAS, AS P-G'S  
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ASSISTANT, VIEWED THIS MATTER.

2. DE ROJAS SAID P-G AND THE GOV HAD NEVER EXPECTED THAT SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS WOULD BE REACHED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE CIEC EXERCISE. LIKE THE U.S., VENEZUELA BELIEVES THAT SUCH DECISIONS MUST COME DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD AFTER THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ABOUT MID-YEAR. DE ROJAS EMPHASIZED THAT P-G WAS NEITHER DISENCHANTED NOR PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PROGRESS AT CIEC DURING HIS RECENT STAY IN CARACAS. DE ROJAS SAID HE HAD NO REPORTS ON WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED AT THE CURRENT CIEC COMMISSION MEETINGS IN PARIS WHERE P-G IS PRESENT, BUT HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT P-G MIGHT HAVE CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM CARACAS.

3. DE ROJAS SAID THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES THAT DR. PEREZ GUERRERO HAS ASSUMED, WHICH MIGHT BE OVERLOOKED. IN ADDITION TO HIS POSITION AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CIECN P-G IS COORDINATOR FOR THE G-19 AND REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE G-77 AT THE CIEC. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE, DE ROJAS SPECULATED, THAT P-G'S REFERENCE TO GROWING DISENCHANTMENT WITH CIEC IS A RESULT OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. IN THIS RESPECT, P-G IS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LDC'S AS A GROUP, RATHER THAN FOR VENEZUELA. DE ROJAS AGREED WITH THE ECON COUNSELOR'S OBSERVATION THAT P-G WOULD HAVE SPOKEN OUT DURING HIS TIME IN CARACAS IF HE HAD BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH CIEC PROGRESS.

4. DE ROJAS ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY U.S. REACTION TO P-G'S SUGGESTION TO MR. ROBINSON FOR A CIEC SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING JUNE 29 - JULY 1. ECON COUNSELOR SAID THAT THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED OF A U.S. POSITION ON THIS POINT, BUT SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BE ONE OF THE SUBJECTS MR. ROBINSON MIGHT DISCUSS WITH P-G AT NAIROBI.  
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